

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the General Rate Increase for) **Case No. GR-2008-0060, et al.**
Natural Gas Service Provided by Missouri Gas) Tariff No. YG-2008-0576
Utility, Inc.)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE AN EXPEDITED RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: March 24, 2008

Effective Date: March 24, 2008

On March 24, 2008,¹ Missouri Gas Utility, Inc. ("MGU") filed revised tariff sheets to be in compliance with the Commission's March 20 Order Approving the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and Authorizing Tariff Filing ("Order") that was issued in regard to MGU's general rate increase. The new tariff filings were assigned tracking number YG-2008-0576 and bear an effective date of April 23, 2008.

MGU also moves the Commission to approve its compliance tariff sheets to go into effect on April 15, 2008. To allow the tariff sheets to go into effect with less than 30 days notice, as is generally required pursuant to Section 393.140(11), the Commission must make a finding of good cause. MGU asserts that good cause exists for shortening the effective date because: (1) the tariff sheets are in compliance with the Commission's March 20 Order; (2) with only two exceptions the tariff sheets are identical to the specimen tariff sheets attached to the Order and have already been reviewed by the parties; (3) the Commission has authorized the rates and terms reflected in the tariff sheets and no further

¹ All dates throughout this order refer to the year 2008 unless otherwise noted.

procedures are to be completed in this matter; (4) the Commission has found the new rates and terms to be just and reasonable; and, (5) allowing the tariff sheets to become effective on April 15 will allow MGU to implement the new rates with the start of a new billing period eliminating the need to pro rate usage and rates in the subsequent billing period. Moreover, at the March 19 Stipulation Hearing, the Commission found that MGU's under-earnings constituted good cause for expediting approval of the compliance tariffs.

The Commission will direct its Staff to review the tariff sheets and file a report and recommendation stating whether MGU's current tariff filing is in compliance with the Commission's Order. Because MGU has sought, and the Commission has approved, expedited treatment of its tariff filing, the Commission will direct the Staff to file its report no later than March 27. Additionally, any party wishing to reply to Staff's report shall file its response no later than March 31.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. No later than March 27, 2008, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a report and recommendation regarding Missouri Gas Utility, Inc.'s tariff compliance filing stating whether Missouri American Water Company's tariff, tracking number YG-2008-0576, is in compliance with the Commission's March 20, 2008 Order Approving the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and Authorizing Tariff Filing.

2. Any party wishing to respond to Staff's Report, shall file its response no later than March 31, 2008.

3. This order shall become effective on March 24, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of March, 2008.